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SUBJECT: OECD TRADE COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY (TCWP):
SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

REFS: (A) USOECD 5519 (B) USOECD 5374

1. SUMMARY. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF DATES
FOR FUTURE TCWP MEETINGS. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARAS
2 AND 3. END SUMMARY

2. AT ITS MEETING MARCH 14, TCWP TENTATIVELY AGREED TO
FOLLOWING SCHEDULE: (A) MAY 6-7 FOR SAFEGUARD CLAUSE
AND EXPORT CONTROLS. SEE PARAS 2 AND 5 REF A. EC
COMMISSION AND EC MEMBER COUNTRY DELS FAVORED BRIEF TWO-
DAY MEETING TO TREAT BOTH SUBJECTS, PROBABLY REFLECTING
EC VIEW THAT THE LESS DONE THE BETTER ON SAFEGUARDS AT
THIS STAGE. DIFFICULT TO JUDGE TO WHAT EXTENT US AND
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OTHER INTERESTED DELS (SWITZERLAND, NORDICS AND CANADA)

WILL WISH TO REVIEW TC (74)3 TO IMPROVE ITS ACCURACY AND CLARITY. ALSO NOT CLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT DELS MAY WISH TO PURSUE WORK ON EXPORT CONTROLS BEYOND COMPILATION OF ACCURATE INVENTORY. JUDGING FROM LOCAL OPTIONS EXPRESSED HERE, SOME DELS, E.G. JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, MAY WISH TO HAVE AT LEAST PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF FURTHER WORK OECD MIGHT UNDERTAKE IN FIELD OF EXPORT CONTROLS FOR LATER CONSIDERATION BY TC. IF WASHINGTON BELIEVES TWO DAYS WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT FOR ADEQUATE TREATMENT OF TWO SUBJECTS, MISSION BELIEVES SECRETARIAT AND OTHER DELS WOULD PROBABLY BE RECEPTIVE TO EXTENDING MEETING TO THREE DAYS. PLEASE ADVISE. (B) WEEK OF JUNE 10 FOR GOVERNMENT PURCHASING. DESPITE EFFORTS OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIAT TO GET AGREEMENT FOR WEEK OF APRIL 15 OR FIRST TWO WEEKS IN MAY, SEVERAL IMPORTANT DELS INCLUDING FRG, SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, CANADA, BELGIUM, HAD SERIOUS CONFLICTS WITH ANY DATES BEFORE WEEK OF JUNE 10. THERE WAS SOME SUPPORT FOR TWO-DAY MEETING INSTEAD OF USUAL 4-5 DAYS WITH RESULT THAT GROUP AGREED TO THREE-DAY MEETING AS COMPROMISE WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BEGIN JUNE 11. SECRETARIAT PLANNING TO PREPARE 2 DOCUMENTS, ONE A RECAP OF MAIN POINTS AND SUGGESTIONS THAT EMERGED FROM TC DISCUSSION (REF B) AND A SECOND CONTAINING SECRETARIAT IDEAS FOR QUESTIONNAIRE DESIGNED TO OBTAIN BETTER DATA ON GOVERNMENT PURCHASING. ANY INFORMAL SUGGESTIONS WASHINGTON WISHES TO OFFER FOR PREPARATION OF SECOND DOCUMENT WOULD BE WELCOME ASAP.

3. TCWP AGREED THAT FOREGOING DATES WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS FORMALLY ACCEPTED UNLESS SECRETARIAT RECEIVED OBJECTIONS BY MARCH 25. BROWN

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